# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF BIRDS/ANIMALS IN ZOO
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a huge number of animals and birds in most of the Zoos are kept in small enclosures causing great discomfort to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps in this regard ;

(c) whether any training is being given to the personnel of Zoos for the proper upkeep of the animals and birds; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the animals and birds and to make their surroundings environment friendly ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir. The animals and birds in the Zoos recognized by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) are kept in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The CZA organizes regular training programmes for zoo personnel. 10 days duration course is conducted every alternate year for zoo Directors and Supervisors. 20 days duration training programme is organized for zoo keepers in their regional language at selected Indian Zoos. In addition, zoo officers are also nominated for training abroad in zoo management.

(d) The CZA has prescribed standard and guidelines for proper upkeep of animals and birds in the zoos.The zoos are evaluated periodically for compliance of these standard and guidelines. Strict action is taken against the zoos which fail to comply leading even to derecognition.Financial assistance to needy zoos are also provided by the CZA for upgradation of the animals housing and health care facilities and improving the overall environment of the zoos.